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Re: New U.S. Patent Application of:

Applicant: Harry W. Schmidt et al.

For : VIAL HANDLING SYSTEM WITH IMPROVED VIAL
GRIPPER

Our File : T268.12-0041

Dear Sir:

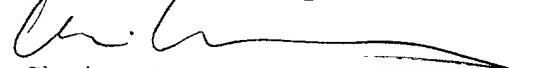
Enclosed for filing are the following papers in connection with the above-identified patent application:

1. Complete specification and claims.
8 pages Specification
4 pages claims
1 page Abstract
2. Unexecuted Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney
(3 pages).
3. 3 sheets of drawings.

The filing fee is not enclosed with this communication. Pursuant to 35 USC § 111 and 37 CFR §§ 1.53(b) and 1.53(f), the filing fee, executed Declaration and executed Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status (if applicable) will be filed separately.

A filing date under 37 CFR §§ 1.10(b) and 1.53(b) of March 9, 2001 is respectfully requested. The enclosed materials are being sent "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" as of the date of this letter.

Yours very truly,


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